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AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the first paragraph, lines 3-7, of page 1 of the specification to read as follows:

REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application ~~is based on~~ is a continuation-in-part of U.S. Patent Application No. 08/123,975, filed September 21, 1993 (abandoned), and a continuation of International Application No. PCT/US00/12890, which claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Applications Nos. 60/133,866, 60/133,868, 60/133,869, 60/133,865, 60/133,873, and 60/133,867, all filed May 12, 1999, U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/146,192, filed July 29, 1999, and U.S. Patent Application No. 08/123,975, filed September 21, 1993, all of which are incorporated herein in their entirety.